

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MARCUS RASKIN

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Marcus Goodman Raskin, who passed away on December 24, 2017 at the age of 83. He was a committed civil rights advocate, staunch antiwar activist, respected academic, and prolific author.

Born in Milwaukee on April 30, 1934, Mr. Raskin, whose father was a plumber and mother was a seamstress, was a musical prodigy and studied piano at the Julliard School. Nevertheless, he abandoned a musical career to study politics at the University of Chicago and graduated from the University's Law School. He later worked for Robert W. Kastenmeier, a highly respected liberal Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Wisconsin. Thereafter, he joined the Kennedy Administration as an assistant to National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy.

Based on this experience, he went on to found, together with Richard J. Barnet, the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive think tank studying nuclear disarmament, economic inequality, civil rights, and national security. With the advent of the Vietnam War, Mr. Raskin actively opposed the draft and aggressively urged resistance to the war, for which he became the target of law enforcement prosecutors. He played a significant role in facilitating the publication in *The New York Times* of the Pentagon Papers, a comprehensive classified study that exposed the faulty decision-making leading to the United States' entry into the Vietnam War. As a result of his antiwar activism, Mr. Raskin was added to President Richard M. Nixon's notorious "enemies list", along with such other luminaries as journalist Daniel Schorr, movie actor Paul Newman, and various Members of Congress.

Notwithstanding the loss of Mr. Raskin, we are fortunate that his son, Representative JAMIE RASKIN, a Representative from the State of Maryland, currently serves as Vice Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee. In addition, the Committee has benefitted from the outstanding service provided by Maggie Lopatin, his granddaughter, who was the administrative backbone of the Committee for six years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commend the life and inspiring achievements of Mr. Raskin and to offer my heartfelt condolences to his loving family.

39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. MEMORIAL  
BREAKFAST

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. In his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District who will be recognized during the 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades selflessly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. This year, Earmon Irons will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Additionally, several individuals will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast including Chareice White, Mark Spencer, Roma Ivey, Henry L. Jones, Dharathula Harris, and Dr. Janet Seabrook.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oliver Gilliam, who also served as the MLK Breakfast Chairman, Vice President Charles Jackson, Recording Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Melvin Ward, and Treasurer/Seventh District Director Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

RILETTA L. CREAM

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Riletta L. Cream, a lifelong constituent of New Jersey's First Congressional District who distinguished herself as a devoted educator and public servant.

Born and raised in South Camden, Mrs. Cream would ascend to high-profile leadership positions, earning the admiration and respect of constituents across Southern New Jersey.

After graduating from Camden High School in 1944, Mrs. Cream attended Glassboro State College, now known as Rowan University, and would embark on a remarkable, four-decade career in education, serving as an elementary school teacher, then principal of Pyne Poynt & Camden High Schools in her home City. Mrs. Cream's reputation as a no-nonsense educator led Camden High School through transformative change in her 15 year tenure as principal, and was regarded as a mentor and role model for students, teachers, and administrators alike.

After retiring from Camden High School, Mrs. Cream served as administrator for BPUM, Inc. Day Care Centers, and later as an adjunct professor and supervisor of student teachers at both Rowan and Rutgers Universities.

In 1994, Mrs. Cream was appointed to the Camden County New Jersey Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mrs. Cream earned reelection to that post four times, shepherding critical education-focused projects, including the installation of computers in classrooms, the implementation of distance learning equipment for students and teachers, and expanding Camden County's Library System.

Mrs. Cream was an ardent advocate for continuing education, encouraging and inspiring individuals to pursue academic dreams, and supported those endeavors by writing letters of recommendation for students and establishing scholarships for graduates of Camden's high schools.

On December 18, 2017, Mrs. Cream passed away, and a beacon of promise was dimmed.

Today, a school and library bear Mrs. Cream's name, and stand in tribute to her enduring legacy and are inspiring future generations of students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life, contributions, and service of a woman who blazed trails and deserves to be remembered for her selfless service and commitment, from a grateful community, the Honorable Riletta Cream.

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